

REMARKS

Presently, claims 6-14 and 18 are pending in the application and have been allowed. In the present Amendment, claims 15-17 have been canceled to place the application in better condition for allowance. No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments to the claims.

Entry of Rule 116 Amendment

Entry of the amendment herein is requested because such amendment renders moot the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Furthermore, the amendment places the application in condition for allowance, since all of the presently rejected claims have been canceled. The amendment does not raise any new issues that would require further consideration and/or searches, since all of the limitations in the pending claims were previously presented, considered and presumably searched. No new matter is raised by this amendment.

Prior Art Rejection -- § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,567,175 B1 to Lee ("Lee") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,960,166 to Brown, III et al. ("Brown").

Applicant has canceled claims 15-17, and thus the rejection of claims 15-17 is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 6-14 and 18. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing these claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection is moot, and that the application, including claims 6-14 and 18, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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